

Hand's chances 'slim'

WYCOMBE Wanderers' left-back, Gary Hand, who suffered a badly bruised ankle in last Saturday's home league match against Ilford, is unlikely to be fit in time for the F.A. Cup first round tie against Cheltenham on Saturday.

Blues manager, Brian Lee rated Hand's chances as "very slim" on Monday. The full-back is receiving treatment at Watford F.C. this week.

Wanderers' treasurer Roger Lee had recently received stand tickets for Wycombe's F.A. Challenge Trophy tie at Ilford on November 30. They are on sale at his office (price 40p) at Loakes Park. Roger also has some stand tickets available for the Cheltenham match on Saturday which will be on sale tomorrow (Tuesday) and Thursday from 7.30-9 p.m.



GARY HAND
... slim chance

Blues' class tells

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Loughborough College 0

ALTHOUGH struggling at first against a highly competitive and well organised Loughborough College side in Monday night's friendly, Wycombe Wanderers made their class-tell in the second half to run out 3-0 winners in front of only 150 spectators.

Brian Steventon, playing in his second game in goal for the Blues, was in action early on as the College pressed strongly with their skilful winger Ernie Sarsfield combining well with centre forward Derek Harris. It took Wanderers quite a time to get into their stride, although the defence looked sound. Paul Griffiths again impressed while Dave Bullock's ankle injury seemed to be on the mend.

Up front Wycombe's Dylan Evans had a poor first half and chances were few and far between. The only goal came in the 43rd minute when Paul Birdseye curled over a cross which deceived goalkeeper Chris Hadden who slipped as he came out to collect and helped the ball into the net.

With the rain-soaked pitch cutting up badly in the second half conditions were extremely difficult. But Wycombe needed only three minutes of the new spell to go further ahead when Steve Perrin, now approaching his peak form, won the ball near half way, ran wide of the defence and hammered in a shot which rebounded off a defender. Steve made no mistake with the rebound.

Evans made up for his first half display in the 72nd minute with a neat goal to put the result well out of the students' reach. Hadden's poor goalkick was gathered by Kennedy who slipped the ball through to Horseman. Taking the ball on, Tony crossed to the near post where Evans glanced a fine header over the 'keeper's despairing dive and into the net.

WYCOMBE: B. Steventon; P. Griffiths, K. Mead, D. Bullock, P. Birdseye; D. Alexander, H. Kennedy, M. Holifield (sub. G. Mackenzie 45 mins.); D. Evans, K. Searle (sub. A. Horseman 45 mins.), S. Perrin. Sub. J. Maskell (not used).

LOUGHBOROUGH: C. Hadden; S. Smith, L. Ward, D. Cottrell, G. Lidstow; P. Gleadell, R. Springett, J. Peardon (sub. D. Hunt 75 mins.); L. Townsend, D. Harris, E. Sarsfield. Subs. C. Metcalfe, N. Wheelton (not used).

How they stand

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen
								Pts
Enfield	18	15	1	2	38	13	46	7 0
Ilford	20	12	3	5	49	30	39	2 0
L'head	17	11	3	3	41	16	36	4 0
Wycombe	18	10	6	2	30	16	36	1 0
Dulwich	20	11	3	6	32	22	36	3 0
Sutton	17	10	1	6	33	20	31	1 0
Bishop	18	9	1	8	27	25	28	1 0
Dagenham	10	8	1	1	125	8	25	0 0
Tooting	13	8	1	4	18	15	25	3 0
Hendon	20	7	4	9	27	33	25	2 0
Barking	19	7	3	9	32	34	24	1 0
Clapton	18	8	0	10	27	35	24	12 0
W'stow	16	6	4	6	26	24	22	6 0
Kingston	18	7	1	10	17	28	22	2 0
Slough	17	5	4	8	21	26	19	2 0
Woking	18	4	6	8	23	31	18	3 0
Hayes	18	4	5	9	24	34	17	10 0
Oxford	17	5	2	10	20	30	17	3 0
L'stone	15	4	3	8	12	19	15	4 0
Hitchin	12	3	2	7	18	24	11	2 0
Bromley	18	3	1	14	12	35	10	2 0
Walton	19	3	1	15	17	51	10	4 0

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen
								Pts
Tilbury	18	10	3	5	35	20	33	2 0
Harwich	16	10	2	4	27	15	32	6 0
Staines	15	10	1	4	34	8	31	0 4
M'head	18	9	3	6	24	20	30	3 0
Horsham	12	8	1	3	20	8	25	1 0
Chesham	14	7	4	3	23	13	25	4 0
Wokingham	16	7	3	6	16	15	24	3 0
Harlow	15	7	3	5	20	19	24	4 4
St Albans	15	7	3	5	22	23	24	2 0
Southall	14	7	2	5	21	18	23	3 0
Finchley	16	4	6	6	14	24	18	3 0
Hampton	17	4	4	9	21	22	16	4 0
Croydon	16	3	6	7	19	27	15	4 0
Aveley	18	4	3	11	17	32	15	2 4
Hertford	16	3	5	8	15	29	14	6 0
Cars'lon	15	4	2	9	16	32	14	5 0
Boreham	15	2	7	6	22	29	13	4 0
Casuals	14	3	4	7	13	25	13	2 0

C — Cautions, D — Dismissals — up to and including 12/11/74.



Hendon team-mates tussle for Phillips (left) and Peter Deadman season's successful Hendon side, each other during Wycombe's 3-3